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DOR Expands Hurricane Katrina Relief Area and Extends Filing Deadline

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue is expanding its tax relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina to conform to the Internal Revenue Service's expanded tax relief area and extended filing deadline.

Today's announcement expands the relief area to cover an additional 33 Louisiana parishes, 37 Mississippi counties, three Alabama counties, and three Florida counties. Additionally, taxpayers in the relief area have until January 3, 2006, to file returns, and submit tax payments, which were due on or after August 29, 2005.

Previously, the DOR announced that individuals and businesses in 31 Louisiana parishes, 15 Mississippi counties, and three Alabama counties have until October 31 to file returns and submit tax payments that were due on or after August 29, 2005.

Taxpayers having questions or needing assistance should contact DOR's main office in Atlanta at (404) 417-2400. Taxpayers should write Hurricane Katrina across the top of their returns.

Areas Eligible for Tax Relief (New and Previously Announced Locations)

- 64 Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, Desoto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn;
- 52 Mississippi counties: Adams, Amite, Attala, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Clay, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Webster, Wilkinson, and Winston;
- Six Alabama counties: Baldwin, Clarke, Choctaw, Mobile, Sumter and Washington; and
- Three Florida counties: Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe.